

REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Liu for the telephonic interview of October 14, 2008 with Laura L. Marcotte, during which the pending claims were discussed. As discussed during that telephone conference, Applicant now files, without prejudice, a new set of claims to substitute claims 1-17 that were filed as an Article 19 amendment in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013549. The claims of the Article 19 amendment replace the originally filed claims (claims 1-27) of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013549. A copy of the Article 19 amendment was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 18, 2006. Applicant requests that claims 18-21 of this Preliminary Amendment be examined.

Applicant notes that there is no intention to abandon any subject matter with regard to any deleted matter. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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